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PAST AND PRESENT

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I.

"I do not know who can tell me better than you what I want to know."

Near the roadside, but almost hidden from sight and darkened by dense shade trees, stood a square stone house, old, and wearing a deserted air. The neighbors were gone who had gathered to see the late owner, the last of his name, carried to the little family graveyard, which, with its broken stone wall and neglected graves, lay in a distant corner of the property.

A strange light which betokened a coming storm shone for a few minutes through the narrow windows of a long, low room, and showed the features of the two men, who sat silent before the fire of logs that burned in the great fireplace. The elder, a small, gray haired man, with clear cut features and dark piercing eyes, was the family lawyer. Opposite to him and gazing gloomily into the fire was the only representative of the family, a dark man of muscular build and strongly marked features. "He looks like all the men of his race, with a difference. Better blood has come in somewhere; he has a good face—more than could be said for the others. Hard men they were to deal with." The younger man looking up caught the old lawyer's eyes fixed on him.

"You will stay here tonight, will you not, Mr. Nelson? There is every sign of a coming storm, and the drive to the east would not be pleasant in it. I need not tell you that I shall be grateful for your company in this dismal old house. I used to hear whispers of its being haunted, when I was a boy, and tonight I would not be hard to convince," and he looked around the darkening room, in whose corners the shadows lay deep with a smile that was far from cheerful "There comes the rain," as a few drops splashed against the window.

"Thank you, I will stay if it is convenient," said the older man.

"Then it is settled, and perhaps you can give some information that I want. But I will go first and see old Hannah and ask her to bring us lights." In a few minutes he returned and threw himself into a deep old chair. "Perhaps when I hear what you can probably tell me, and what I ought to know about my mother's family, I shall find it is a case for darkness rather than light," he said. "As my uncle's will leaves everything to me, except legacies to his old servants, I ought to know if there was any truth in queer stories and hints I used to hear from old people who lived around here when I was a boy and visited my uncle. Was there any flaw in our title to the property?"

"What do you remember of their stories?" asked the old lawyer, looking keenly at the speaker.

"There was a name they used to refer to mysteriously—an old couple named Douglas. I remember an old colored woman who lived in a little cabin on the place. It used to stand out there," pointing through the window, where, by the dim light, might still be seen, through a gap in the dark evergreens, a heap of stones and rubbish in a field adjoining the lawn. "Once she grew angry with me for some slight cause, and she said to me—I can see her yet pointing her shriveled finger at me—'Go way, boy, yoro heart's bad, jes' like all yore people's. When yore old grandfather died I saw a snake come out from that swamp where ole Douglas' pore little house stans, and follow after the hearse—saw that with these ole eyes. A hard death he died, too; ole Carney said, swearin and screamin. I guess he remembered ole Douglas' curse then—but there, honey,' as I shuddered, 'never min ole Ann's talk, yo' couldn't help it, and yore father hasn't their blood nor name, so the curse won't come on you, pore chile,' and she petted me and talked of other things; but I never forgot her story. Then when I came here, when my uncle lost his wife and baby at once—they were thrown from a carriage, you know, and both killed—there were whispers about the family curse falling on my uncle. You have known the family for years, can you tell me if there is any wrong that I can right connected with the property?"

The lawyer turned toward him, "You have often heard, no doubt, of lasting well enough alone," he said.

"But is it well enough? That is what I want to know. My father always taught me that 'do justly' was a rule to be followed literally—not a figure of speech. I do not know who can tell me better than you what I want to know."

"I am not sure that you can do anything, if I do tell you what I know of your family's history, and if you are the man I take you for the knowledge will not make you happier."

"I must risk that," answered John Somers, meeting steadily the lawyer's eyes.

The latter settled himself in his chair. "Your ancestors on your mother's side, the Douglases," he said, "owned much land adjoining this property, which is your grandfather's time belonged to the Douglas family, of whom you have heard. But, like many rich men, your grandfather, while owning much coveted acres, and his neighbor's acres were fertile.

"Stephen Douglas and his wife were a kindly, honest couple, thinking no evil and trusting their more pretentious friend, for your grandfather acted in a very friendly manner toward them. He took a warm interest in their business; made bargains with them which, however, always fell out mysteriously in his favor; and once, when an unfavorable season spoiled their crops, advanced them money with great alacrity, the interest, which was high, should run on—he did not need it. At last in various ways he got them in his power, and as they were growing old, and their only child, a son, had left home to follow the sea,—and in three days letters passed but rarely and were traveled slowly—there was no one to look after their interests and warn the old couple of their dangerous friend. Matters went from bad to worse and at last the end came.

"One day Mr. Bankton foreclosed the mortgage and the Douglases had not money outside their property to meet it. At first they were too nearly dazed to realize that the man whom they had trusted fully had been working their ruin for years. They looked first at each other (it was in this room they say that the scene took place), then as the truth came home to them Stephen Douglass turned and faced your grandfather. 'You have ruined Margery and me,' he said slowly, 'but your ill gotten gains will not prosper. You have worked your own undoing, for you will never enjoy what you have sinned against your own soul to gain. A curse will follow you and your name. You will be punished in your sons, for your wicked blood flows in their veins, and when your time comes to die your sin will lie heavy on your soul, and you would give all you own to undo this day's work.'

"The covetous man quailed before the just wrath of the simple minded man whom he had despoiled, and from the day when the poor old couple, driven from their home, where they had spent all their married life, took refuge in the little spring house in the swampy meadow, in sight of their own old home, misfortune followed him. He kept his wealth to be sure, but his sons quarreled among themselves, and as they grew older their evil lives were notorious, even in those days when vice was hidden less than now. They were large, strong men, but a violent fever attacked them, and their evil courses did not fit them to resist it. Two of them died. It was said that one of them called his brother in to play the violin for him to keep up his spirits as he lay on his deathbed and raved and swore dreadful oaths with his last breath. All your uncles, as you know, died unmarried, except your Uncle Martin, and as he left no children of course this property naturally falls to you, as your mother was the only daughter of the family."

"What became of the Douglas family?" asked John Somers. "Who are left of it?"

"Stephen and his wife died in the little house down in the meadow. It was very pathetic, the neighbors said, to hear the old man when he grew childish fretting for his lost land. He was a Tory, and he used to wish that the British would come and them he would get his farm back, he said, but his dim old eyes looked in vain for the friendly British. I heard that years after the old couple were both dead a man came here and inquired about them and went to see their graves. He said he was their son who went to sea years ago, and I have never been able to find out anything definite about him. When he heard of his parents' injuries he would not see any of your family, though he and your uncle Martin had played together as boys. He was a handsome man, people said, and looked prosperous, but I have never heard of him since then, though I have made some inquiry."

"What was his name?"

"William—Will Douglas, as he was called when he was a boy here."

"Then," said John Somers, looking from under his dark brows at the little lawyer, "I can see nothing better than to advertise for him or his heirs and restore the property to them. If any of them are alive I will not keep what was gained by unfair means from them. Can you suggest anything?"

"Is your mind made up?" asked the lawyer. "The property comes to you by will, and there has been no effort made in all these years by any member of the Douglas family to regain it. If any of them survive, the story may be unknown to them. Do you think it worth while to revive it?"

"I do," answered John Somers decidedly. "The responsibility until my uncle died did not rest with me, but now, as I am the only living descendant, I am determined not to share the wrongdoing of my people by enjoying the fruits of it while there is a possibility of restoring this place to those from whom it was unjustly taken. My mind is fully made up, but I shall be grateful if you can help me to carry out what I want to do."

"As you have decided, I will do what I can to help you," said the lawyer, regarding his companion with a rather wondering air, as beholding a rara avis.

"Not every man would give up an estate worth thousands to repair an injury done by his grandfather. However, perhaps he cannot find any one to give it to, he reflected.

"Thank you for your information, though it was not a pleasant hearing about one's own flesh and blood, but that was not your fault," said John Somers.

"Hark! what a downpour and what a strong wind is blowing. I wonder why the old woman does not bring us a light."

"Yes, it is a violent storm; but you know it always storms, they say, on the day of a funeral in your family, even the children's. Today was so fine I thought we should have missed the storm, but here it is."

II.

"Bring the light, Hannah," he said, as he passed through the hall.

A door opened and a withered old woman came in carrying a lamp, its flickering flame serving little more than to make visible the darkness and shadows in the dismal old room. As the old woman placed the lamp on a dark mahogany table at one end of the room, a blast of wind blew the rain against the window panes, and the loud crash of a fallen tree startled them all. The men involuntarily rose to their feet, when at the door by which the old woman had entered was thrust in an excited face.

"Mr. John, there's a pony to one of them little carts, run up the drive front of the house, and I think somebody was throwed out."

Mr. Somers recognized the voice of Tommy Sweet, a hired man. "Go out and catch the pony, Tommy," he said, "and I will come," and he hurried into the hall and opened the heavy oak door. The lawyer and the old woman carrying the lamp followed him into the hall, and the lawyer stood in the deep arched doorway peering out into the darkness where Mr. Somers' figure was swallowed up. Then he caught the gleam of a lantern through the wet blowing branches and heard voices.

"Tie the pony in the shed and hurry back here," he heard Mr. Somers call. Then out of the darkness came John Somers, carrying something in his arms, and the frightened voice of a child. He carried his burden up the low stone steps, the rain pouring down where it could penetrate the thick shade.

"Bring the light, Hannah," he said, as he passed through the hall, followed close by the child, and deposited his burden on a deep haircloth sofa, that had gloomily filled its place for years at one end of the long room. The lawyer took the lamp from the frightened old woman, and its light fell on the motionless figure of a young girl, her face white against the black cushions. The child stood close to the couch, her eyes big with fright.

"Oh, do you think Anne Margery is dead?" she asked, looking up at Mr. Somers, who was bending over the girl and trying to feel her pulse.

"No, child," he said reassuringly, "only hurt a little," then turning to the others; "she has fainted, I think. Hannah, bring a glass of water and camphor if you have it."

The lawyer drew the child to him. "How did it all happen, little lady?—she was clearly that—"tell me about it."

"Aunt Margery and I took mother to the cars; it's a long drive, but we never thought it would rain. As we were coming home the storm came up, and I made Bobby run, but it blew and rained worse and worse, and I was frightened. Then I told Aunt Margery there was an old woman with a big cap and a kind face lived in here. I had seen her in the garden when I went by, so we turned Bobby in at the gate. Then the tree blew down and frightened them and he threw Aunt Margery and me both out, but I wasn't hurt. I expect he's sorry—he is a good pony, only he was frightened. Oh, Aunt Margery!" and as the girl opened her eyes the child ran to her and kissed her, the anxious little face dimpling with delight. "You are not much hurt, are you?"

"No, Rosa, I don't think so. What has happened? Where are we?" And as the color came back to her white cheeks she tried to raise herself and look around her. The two men drew back and left the little girl to explain.

"Don't you remember, Aunt Margery, we turned into the kind old woman's house—there she is—and Bobby was frightened and ran the cart against a tree—then a man came and caught him and this big gentleman carried you in here? Oh, I was afraid you were killed." And she leaned against the girl with a sob.

"Don't cry, Rosa; you have been a brave girl." Then, as old Hannah held a glass of water to her lips, "Thank you," she said, and tried to sit up.

"You're just drenched, miss," said the old woman, who had gathered up her wits, laying her hand on the girl's shoulder; "and the little girl too. They'd better come with me, sir," turning to Mr. Somers, "and get their clothes dry." Then as the girl involuntarily glanced toward the window, "the rain is pouring down. It ain't fit for a dog to be out in such a storm."

"You are right, Hannah," said John Somers decidedly. "Perhaps you can find some dry clothing in the house for the lady and little girl," and he crossed the room and opened the door as the girl raised herself, and leaning on Hannah's arm and followed closely by the child allowed herself to be led into Hannah's domains. "When you have made them comfortable, bring coffee to us here, and perhaps they will come and take some with us," said Mr. Somers.

"You are very kind," said the girl, and he closed the door and came back to his chair.

"This seems destined to be an eventful day," said the old lawyer. "What do you propose to do with your guests?"

"If this storm does not wreck itself out soon they must try to put up with the accommodations that we can offer them. Uncle Martin must have had some habitable rooms. I am glad the accident was no worse—it is a bad storm to be caught out in. I wonder who they are. I suppose they will enlighten us."

Soon the door opened and both men glanced toward it. The young girl, leading the child by the hand, advanced into the room with a dignity and fine carriage of her slender figure that impressed both men. Hannah had been won upon by the stranger, and had hunted out some long unused garments for her. A long, black dress fitted itself fairly well to her figure, and over the shapely shoulders Hannah had pinned a little crape shawl, crossed in front after a fashion of her youth. The girl had soft, brown eyes, and light hair twisted high on her head. As she entered the men rose, and Mr. Somers drew another chair in front of the fireplace.

"I hope Hannah has made you as comfortable as possible, and that you will not be the worse for your accident and the drenching," Mr. Somers said.

"She was very kind," answered the girl, her hand on the back of the chair. "I came to explain who we are, and to ask if we may impose further on your kindness."

"Will you not sit down and let us consider what can be done?" said John Somers, and as she seated herself in the straight backed leather chair, the child on a hassock at her feet, the gloomy old room wore a more cheerful air. The evil and trouble that had come vividly out of the past that stormy evening, as the darkness fell and the lawyer related the wicked deeds of the men who had lived and lives and died awful deaths in that same house, faded away, and across the dark past fell a ray of light, holding out hope of a brighter future.

"My name is Douglas," she said. She fancied the little lawyer gave a start, but Mr. Somers, whom she addressed, showed no change of expression, only his deep set eyes watched her intently. "I am visiting my friend Mrs. Carleton; perhaps you know the property that they have lately bought not far from here."

"I wonder if it can be Jack Carleton, who was at college with me," and he smiled as he spoke.

"Mr. Carleton is often called Jack by his friends," she said.

"He was very popular at college; he greatly enjoyed a joke, and his laugh was so irresistible that the dullest was forced to join in and forget his woes and be cheerful while in his company. What property did he buy? I have not spent much time here the last few years.

"I do not know whether I can describe it. It may be a mile from here, not farther, I should think; one hundred acres, and a long, low house, partly stone."

"Aunt Margery, the hired people call it Josey Jones' place," interposed Rosa gravely.

"Oh, yes, I knew that place well when I was a boy; it is not more than a mile from here."

The girl resumed her explanation, "Rosa and I started for our drive with no thought of a storm; it came up very suddenly, did it not?"

"Yes, and you were not under shelter too soon," said Mr. Nelson. "There might have been trees blown across the road, and the thunder and lightning are enough to frighten any horse."

"I am glad your mother is not at home worrying about us, Rosa," she said, turning to the child.

"Yes, it is well," answered Rosa, "and father will start out on Peterkin to try and find us as soon as he possibly can, I know."

"I would offer to send a man to tell Mr. Carleton of your safety," said Mr. Somers, "but while the storm is so heavy I do not think it would be safe. I am very glad you reached even the poor accommodations that this neglected old house affords. Are you sure you are not the worse for your fall?"

"No," she said, "though I must have been stunned, for I am not given to fainting. There must have been strong provocation for my weak behavior. And the old housekeeper"—with a smile and the shadow of a grimace at the thought—"kindly forced on us both a quantity of some decoction that will without fail prevent all ill effects from our drenching."

"I hope now your docility is to be rewarded by something more appetizing," said Mr. Somers, as Hannah entered and moved out from the wall at one end of the room a mahogany table, the leaves of which she adjusted and presently placed on its dark surface a supper, served in a strange medley of dishes, from heavy stoneware to dainty old china.

As the last two candles in heavy silver candlesticks, tall and of graceful shape, were placed on the table, Rosa, whose eyelids had looked heavy in the firelight, roused herself and watched Hannah with interest as she deposited on the table a large silver coffee urn.

"May I leave you, Miss, to pour the coffee? There's a skylight that always leaks when it rains and I haven't had time yet to put anything under it. I'd like to go to see to it," she said with an anxious face.

"We should be very grateful," said Mr. Somers, and the girl quietly seated herself behind the urn, Mr. Nelson placing the child at his right hand and devoting himself to her comfort.

"Some have entertained angels unawares," passed through John Somers' mind—"this is certainly a more comfortable state of things than anything I had looked for in this dismal place."

As the girl poured the coffee from the heavy old urn the half flowing sleeve of her old fashioned black gown fell back and disclosed a wrist and arm that a sculptor might have been glad to copy. She talked pleasantly to the two men, but there was a simple dignity in her conversation that won the admiration of both. When they left the table she walked to the window and listened for a moment to the storm.

"The storm does not sound so violent," she said. "If Mr. Carleton does not come or send soon, would it be imposing too much on your kindness to ask you to send a man to let him know where we are? He will be so uneasy, and he cannot know that we found such good shelter."

As she paused the great knocker sounded loudly and Mr. Somers hurried to the door to admit Mr. Carleton, whose cheerful face wore an unwonted expression of anxiety, which was lifted as Rosa ran forward and threw herself into his wet arms, with an impetuous rush that surprised the strangers, who had witnessed the quiet manner of the little woman. Miss Douglas, in the background, was perhaps as much relieved, though not so demonstrative.

"So you and Margery found shelter here, while I have been fearing you were drowned or dashed to pieces. Why, Somers, is it really you in the flesh, old man? Who would have dreamed of finding you in this remote region?" turning to the man who appeared to be the host, and who returned his greeting with less amazement and equal cordiality. "My man, who is almost as good as an Indian on a scent, saw some tracks in a sheltered place that led him to think the pony and cart had turned in here. Are you both in good order—no bones broken? Somers, you must imagine my gratitude till I can express it better."

"Nonsense, we did nothing; the obligation is on the other side; the young ladies' company has been a great boon, I can assure you; has it not, Nelson?"

It was soon arranged that the man who had accompanied Mr. Carleton should ride home and bring a carriage for Miss Douglas and Rosa, and meanwhile they withdrew to Hannah's domains to make what preparation they could for their drive home.

"Thank you so much, and good night, Mr. Somers," Miss Douglas said rather shyly, as he stood by the carriage regardless of the rain falling on him through the trees, and she reached through the carriage window a small ungloved hand, which John Somers had time to hold for some seconds while Mr. Carleton and the lawyer were exchanging last words. The carriage disappeared in the darkness, and the two men returned to a silent contemplation of the wood fire through the smoke of their cigars. But before parting for the night John Somers asked the lawyer if he thought that the name of their visitor was likely to prove anything but a strange coincidence.

"It is not an uncommon name," said the lawyer. "I wish you would be kind enough to make some inquiry through Mr. Carleton," said John Somers. "If there is no connection, as is very likely, Miss Douglas need never know the story—it is not a pleasant one to tell where it will do no good," with a rather bitter expression on his dark face.

"You are right. I will do as you wish and let you know," said Mr. Nelson.

But when he took his bedroom candle and made his way to the kitchen to ask a glass of water at Hannah's hands, she beckoned to him mysteriously to close the door after him.

"Mr. Nelson, you know the story of this place as well as me. When I saw that young lady in that old fashioned frock with the little crape shawl pinned across, she looked so like that picture up in the west attic that I thought I'd scream out. I was always told that picture was the livin image of poor Mrs. Douglas, taken when she was first married. Comin in as she did out of the storm, and just when the last of the Boultons was laid away, I declare it gave me a turn."

"Nonsense, Hannah, you are nervous, and no wonder. The young lady is a friend of the people who bought the Josey Jones farm. Go to bed and get a good night's sleep and things will look more natural tomorrow."

Taking his candle, he walked slowly up the broad old stairway, but before he fell asleep under the heavy curtains of the big bed in his dark old chamber he revolved many things in his mind, and wondered what would be the result of his friend's Quixotic resolve, for he could not help a feeling of warm interest in this man, who was bent on repairing as far as he could the evil that the men of his race had wrought.

(Continued next week.)

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THE PIVOTAL STATE.

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION IN NEW YORK.

The Worst Legislature Since Tweed's Time—The Republicans Will Carry the Assembly by a Large Majority—Important Work for a Presidential Year.

It is not too early for the Republicans of the state to get ready for the important campaign which is to decide whether or not they are to control the assembly of 1893 by a majority large enough to elect their candidate for the United States senate. It is generally admitted by the intelligent observers of the political situation that the next assembly is to be Republican. But if no mistakes are made in the nominating conventions, and if the canvass all along the line is characterized by unity and earnestness; it will more than offset the fraud-made Democratic majority in the senate which holds over. The whole number of votes in the legislature is 180, 33 in the senate and 138 in the assembly. The senate contains 17 Democrats, 14 Republicans and 2 Independent Republicans. A majority on joint ballot is 91. If the Democrats should succeed in carrying 64 of the assembly districts they will have such a majority; if the Republicans carry 67 districts they will have it, or they will have it if they carry 66 districts and secure the vote of the Independent Republican senator.

These figures are encouraging. Our friends have only to choose strong and popular candidates, men who command the general confidence, and support them as such candidates will deserve to be supported, and there can be no doubt touching the character of the result. The record which was made by the last legislature was so indefensibly and gratuitously bad in many particulars that it would be amazing indeed if the voters did not embrace the first opportunity to place the seal of their condemnation upon the Democracy, whose chosen representatives were responsible for the session. It is within bounds to affirm that since Tweed and his gang left Albany there has not been assembled at the capitol so unscrupulous and reckless a body of legislators as the one which has just adjourned—legislators who took their orders from Hill, Croker, Murphy and the like. The Republican members, constituting the minority in both the senate and the assembly, did their best as a rule for the promotion of honest, wholesome legislation, but of course were powerless. They were unable to prevent the passage of such outrageous jobs as the "huckleberry" bill, the excise bill, the inspectors of election bill, the state and congressional gerrymanders. The people are aware of this, and can be trusted to act in view of it when they go to the ballot box in November. No one need be surprised if the Republicans carry the assembly by one of the largest majorities ever secured in that body.

But let no mistakes be made. Let the situation be improved to the utmost. This is vitally important, not only from the point of view of the next legislature and the United States senatorship, but from that of the presidential campaign. It needs no argument to prove that first-class local nominations throughout a state materially strengthen a national ticket. So let the preliminary canvass in all the counties for assembly nominations begin earlier—the earlier the better. The Democrats of this state have earned an overwhelming defeat—a veritable Waterloo—and they are bound to get it if we only do our whole duty.—New York Tribune.

His Shameless Effrontery May Win.

David B. Hill is not a man who is easily discouraged by criticism or by the fickleness of public opinion

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JOHN DEAN,
Of Blair County

Congressional Delegate,
GEN. WILLIAM LILLY
Of Carbon County
MAJOR ALEXANDER McDOWELL
Of Mercer County
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Representative in Congress.
(For the 27th Congressional District.)
C. W. STONE,
Of Warren County

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE SENATOR

We are authorized to announce James W. Smith, of Port Allegany, as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the decision of the Republican County and District Conventions.

STATE SENATE. Please announce my name as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the decision of the Republican District, subject to the decision of the Republican County and District Conventions.

L. F. HAMLIN

SHARPSVILLE, Pa., April 15, 1892

REPRESENTATIVE

We are authorized to announce Hon. W. A. Hamilton as a candidate for representative subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

To the Republicans of McKean county:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for representative in the Legislature, subject to the decision of Republican State, town and county conventions. H. H. WARNER.

Smethport, Pa., May 6, 1892.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Mr. Miner:—Please announce me in your paper that I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. JAMES A. WATSON.

Bradford Pa. May 9

We are authorized to announce Col. W. J. Roberts of Kelloy as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

Editor Miner: Will you please announce me as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention. H. H. WARNER.

Kinzua Pa. May 13, 1892

Editor Miner: Please announce my name as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. H. H. WARNER.

Kinzua Pa. May 13, 1892

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county Treasurer subject to the usage of the Republican party of McKean county.

JAMES A. WATSON.

Smethport, May 6, 1892

In our next issue we will be able to name the man who will be inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March 1893

GEN. JOHN C. NEW Consul General at London, in an interview on the Presidential outlook, says that President Harrison is in the race to stay and win, and that he will do both

GEN. HARRISON is stronger in Indiana than any other man the Republicans can nominate, as he is the only man whose nomination will take Indiana out of the list of doubtful States. *Indianapolis Journal*

THE magnificent eight story steel and granite building of the Pittsburgh Times was opened on Tuesday of this week to the premises of 15,000 people. The affair was one of the most noteworthy social events in the history of Pittsburgh.

IN a note to the Philadelphia *Times* Hon. Lewis Emery Jr. most emphatically denies that he will run for Congress in this district on any ticket. This dispels the Democratic vision of a break in the Republican ranks of the 27th district this year.

PRESTON D SPATFORD one of the proprietors of the Olean *Daily Herald* died at the residence of his sister Mrs. P. D. Myer, in Cleveland on Saturday last, of consumption, aged 24 years. He was a highly esteemed and very popular young man

THE millionaires of McKean county as named by the New York *Tribune* are Capt J. T. Jones, Hon I. Emery Jr and James Adam. We imagine that there are other gentlemen in the county who are worth as much if not more than either of the three named

THE Democratic kickers who met in Syracuse on Tuesday of this week made a poor showing. They railed against Hill's sidewinder convention and the Republican party and lauded Cleveland, all of which will have about as much weight in the deliberations of the Chicago convention as the croaking of so many frogs.

A. J. WALKER of Bradford an nounces in this paper that he is a candidate for County Treasurer subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. Mr Walker is a staunch Republican of Bradford city has long been identified with the business interests of that bustling town and has hosts of friends who are backing him in his political aspirations. If nominated he will add strength to the ticket.

THE intimation in the speech of Ray Robinson, made in Port Allegany a couple of weeks ago, that mercenary motives influenced the courts in the granting of licenses deserves more than ordinary notice. A man who would make such an assertion in a public place, even in the heat of passion, and the paper giving publicity to it should be made to answer for it. There is no justification for such assertions.

A COUPLE weeks ago the *Reporter* said, that "Judge Olmsted of Cowders port, passed through town (Port Allegany) Tuesday en route for the county seat, where he assisted Judge Mortson in granting licenses to the several applicants." In justice to both judges, and to correct wrong impressions which might be inferred from the foregoing, it is proper to state that Judge Olmsted did not reach Smethport until after the license decisions had been filed with the Prothonotary, and he had nothing whatever to do with the granting of them. The decision as to each application was made by Judge Mortson and he assumes all responsibility for his action in the premises.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, May 30.—It will be but a few days more until the Republican party of the country will name the standard bearer of the party for the campaign of 1892. The anti-Harrisonites are busy in their opposition to the re nomination of President Harrison and are resorting to all sorts of schemes to bring about the naming of some one else to marshal the clans this year but thus far success has not crowned their efforts. It is a fact that Blaine is the people's choice, especially is this a fact so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, but he has emphatically declined to permit his name to go before the Republican convention to assemble at Minneapolis on June 7th, and this ought to settle the matter so far as he is concerned.

President Harrison has given the country a clean, good and profitable administration not as acceptable perhaps to the politicians as they wished yet in summing up the work of his term the verdict must be one of approval. Blaine is the people's choice without doubt but as he has refused to be a candidate President Harrison ought to be given a renomination without opposition, for it seems like a suicidal policy to defeat President Harrison unless the successful nominee shall be a man whose public services as a statesman shall be greater or even equal to the services that President Harrison has rendered to the country.

The many friends of Geo Pearson in this city and he has lots in Harrisburg regret his refusal to serve as one of the secretaries of the State Central Committee and yet they express themselves as satisfied with his considerations. As the secretary so chief doubtless Mr Pearson would have accepted the place and this was the intention of the candidates at the conference held in Harrisburg but the action of Chairman Keesler in giving the place to Mr Leech left Mr Pearson no alternative but to refuse to serve in a subordinate place.

The celebrated case of Pattison vs the *Morning Call* published in Harrisburg by Wm J. Jordan formerly of Bradford McKean county has finally been settled. Several weeks ago reference to this case was made in my letter when the plea of guilty was entered to the complaint of libel preferred by the Governor in the paper published in the *Call* entitled Turn on the Light. The sentence which at the time of pleading guilty was postponed for three weeks was pronounced on Thursday May 26th and was only a fine of $250 and a retraction of the libelous article through the columns of the *Call*. The publishers of the *Call* have made the retraction demanded but they might have gone further than they did and have given the names of the Democratic politicians who vouched for the entire truthfulness of the article when the publishers were asked to use the same as truthful facts. It is said that one of the vouchers for the truthfulness of the article is now a prominent politician and very close to Governor Pattison in official harness. The trial of the case was not desired in open court as the evidence might have been very damaging to somebody who presumably did not want to have his name too prominently used in connection with the publication of the article in the first place.

Our Democratic friends are becoming very much alarmed at the head way Cleveland has recently made towards an use for the Democratic presidential nomination at Chicago. Cleveland friends claim enough pledged votes to give him the nomination on the first ballot but the Pattison wing, want no dead wood to, but see this because vote Bob has a very large steel pencil dental bee under his bonnet and to size up the real situation Harrity and Hensel made a very quiet trip to New York last week and I have had a talk with the sage of Williams street in an endeavor to make a boil by which Pattison may become the legatee in case Cleveland should not be the man. Ahem! Conditions or no conditions if the present Democratic administration of this State sees any chance all conclusions will be jumped. What is wanted is the nomination and what will be had, as all things are allowable in the game of politics is the nomination, and Pattison wants it awfully bad.

There has been some commencement the announcement that Governor Pattison during the coming week would entertain the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State at the Executive Mansion by a banquet at which State officials would be invited to meet the legal officials. In the list of those invited appear the names of nearly all the State officials resident in Harrisburg or holding office on the hill and as well several of the chief clerks in some of the departments, but strange to note the name of the State Librarian and that of the Superintendent of Public Instruction do not appear as among those asked to come as guests of the Governor. Of course the Governor can have those around his banqueting board that are pleasing to himself yet so long as the entertainment of the Supreme Court officials is to partake of an official State character official courtesy ought to have prompted the extending of an invitation to the gentlemen referred to along with the rest, as they are the peers of any of the guests who have been invited to the feast. At this late date as the invitations have already been issued it is doubtful whether the slighted officials would accept, even if invited now.

In this connection it may be recalled that State Librarian Egle and Supt of Public Instruction Waller are the two officials who had been marked for decapitation by Governor Pattison at the beginning of his present term but who hold over not from any causes which have been in any way promoted by Governor Pattison. Both of the gentlemen named look for their removal from office just so soon as the commissions they now hold shall have expired. ALCROFT.

—One of my children had a very bad discharge at her ears. Two physicians prescribed, but without benefit. We tried Ely's Cream Balm, and result to our surprise, there was a marked improvement. We continued using the Balm and in a short time the discharge was cured.—O. A. Cary, Corning, N. Y.

GROVER WASHINGTON—PROTECTION Mr.

The advancement of agriculture, commerce and manufactures by all proper means will not, I [illegible] recommendation, but I cannot forbear intimating to you the [illegible] giving effectual encouragement as well to the introduction of new [illegible] inventions from abroad as to [illegible] of skill and genius in producing them at home. *Speech to both Houses of Congress July 8, 1790*

Congress has repeatedly [illegible] without success directed [illegible] to the encouragement of manufactures. The object is of too much consequence not to insure a continuance in every way which shall be [illegible]. *Speech to Congress December 7 1796*

The promotion of domestic manufactures will in my opinion, be among the first objects which may naturally be expected to occupy the attention of an energetic government, having an equal regard for the prosperity of the farming, trading and manufacturing interests, I will only observe that I cannot conceive the extension of the latter to be so essential as it may afford employment to a great number of hands which would be otherwise in a manner idle) can be detrimental to the former. On the contrary the concurrence of virtuous [illegible] and the combination of our commercial abilities to rely as much as possible on the resources of our own country may be productive of great national advantages by establishing habits of industry and economy. The object of your institution are therefore highly commendable, and you will permit me to add that I propose to demonstrate the sincerity of my opinion on this subject by the uniformity of my practice in giving a decided preference to the products and fabrics of America. Influenced by this conviction I [illegible] using on all occasions unnecessary expenses or very great inconvenience. *Letter stated April 18, 1789, to the Belaire are Society for Promoting Domestic Manufacture. Thanking them for a message of congratulation*

Man or Woman Ghost or Human

We cannot say what will [illegible] ghosts, but many men and many [illegible] look like ghosts rather than human beings, through sickness [illegible] health and happiness, if they would keep the virtue of the world restored [illegible] dy Dr Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Torpid liver or biliousness, impure blood skin eruptions, scrofula sores and swelling consumption which is scrofula of the lungs [illegible] yield to this wonderful medicine. It [illegible] both body and strength—creates [illegible] blood cleansing.

Hon W. W. Lucas ex

Hon W W Lucas ex [illegible] Auditor of Iowa says: I have used Chamberlains Cough Remedy in my family and have no hesitation in saying it is an excellent remedy I believe all that is claimed for it. I cannot [illegible] a cough or cold will [illegible] Chamberlains Cough Remedy. There is no danger from whooping cough when this remedy is freely given. Fifty cent bottles for sale by A. H. Armstrong Druggist

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The children's health must not be neglected. Coffin Head Croup Cure with Elys Cream Balm cures it. It does it perfectly safe and is easily applied. The material. The worst cases yield to it. Price 50

Breakfast as the Digest Habit Soul

Already Cured and in Perfect Health. Diabetes diabetes Sores etc.

It is manufactured as a powder which can be given in a glass of beer a cup of coffee or tea, or in food, without the knowledge of the patient. It is absolutely harmless, and will effect a permanent and speedy cure whether the patient is a confirmed drunkard or an occasional wreck. It has been given in thousands of cases and in every instance a perfect cure has followed. It never fails. The system once impregnated with the Specific it becomes an utter impossibility for the liquor appetite to exist. Full particulars and a 48 page book of particulars free. Address GOLDEN SPECIFIC CO., 185 Race St. Cincinnati O.

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A car load of bone meal and clover seed just received

W. [illegible]

Miss Morse and I [illegible]

Act on a new principle regulating the liver stomach and bowels Cascarets Candy Cathartic the new discovery. Miles Pills speedily cure biliousness bad taste torpid liver piles constipation. Unequaled for man woman, child, pure smallest easiest. 30 doses 25 cts. Sample free at A. B. Armstrongs Drug Store

Highest market price paid for [illegible] by W. D. GAFFEY

Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION [illegible] Letters Frank W. Dana, late of [illegible] New York, deceased have been granted to the [illegible] Dana to whom all persons indebted to said [illegible] are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same without delay. [illegible] DANA Administrator

Bradford Pa. May 11 1892.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A [illegible] will be presented to the [illegible] Quarter Sessions of McKean county, [illegible] at Smethport on Monday [illegible] June next from the first Monday [illegible] of the Prothonotary [illegible] Monday in

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THE GREAT ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment of the Grand Army which will be held in Washington in September next, will be the greatest gathering of veterans ever witnessed in this continent. The city will be beautified beyond description and the grand parade will be worth going hundreds of miles to look upon. Do you want to witness this great demonstration and at the same time have an opportunity to look over the manufactories, magnificent public buildings, the Soldiers Home Arlington and all other places of interest in and around the capital of the country. If so we have to suggest a plan by which you can get to Washington on their great occasion without costing you a dollar in money. The regular subscription price of the MINER and the N. Y. Weekly Tribune is $2.40 a year for the two papers. We will furnish any person with a ticket from any railroad station in McKean county to Washington and return for Forty dollars. The difference between now and the first day of September next.

Those who prefer to do so may remit 25 cents on each subscription received. Those who desire to avail in securing the aforesaid subscriptions will be paid 25 cents each for what they do send to

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Smethport, Pa., June 3, 1892

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Criminal court next week.

—Next Sunday is Children's Day.

—There are 780 names on the voting list.

—The fragrant aroma of the mown hay is in the air.

—Next Thursday evening will be Children's Day.

—Mrs. Kittie Gallup has returned from a visit to Oregon, Illinois.

—Mrs. Hamilton Wilcox, of Bradford, is visiting friends in Smethport.

—Miss Ida Caldwell, of Kane, visited friends in Smethport Monday.

—Miss Gertrude Cudebec, of Bradford, is the guest of Miss Mary Gallup.

—Mrs. Ida Walker was called from Bradford to Smethport Monday.

—Miss Ida Caldwell, of Kane, visited friends in Smethport Monday.

—County Superintendent Hicks had institute in Bradford last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mimar had been at Port Allegany last Friday.

—Mr. Geo. Hagerty, of Mt. Alton, was in Smethport Monday.

—Miss Cole, of Port Allegany, is visiting friends in Smethport.

—Miss Mabel Sandford has been visiting friends in Bradford.

—Mrs. T. A. Morrison and daughter Miss Mattie, visited friends in Smethport Monday.

—Mrs. Coleman, of Port Allegany, spent Monday with friends in Smethport.

—Miss Jessie Dunn, of Bradford, is visiting friends in Smethport.

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—Mrs. H. Dunlap, of Bradford, visited friends in Smethport Monday.

—Chas. E. Mayo, of Bradford, visited friends in Smethport Monday.

—Mrs. Chas. Hamilton, of Bradford, is visiting friends in Smethport.

—Miss Mary Gallup is visiting friends in Bradford this week.

—Mrs. Hamilton, of Bradford, is visiting friends in Smethport.

—Mrs. Ida Walker

SHERIFF'S SALES

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias and Levari Facias, to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House, in Somerset, Pa., on

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1885, AT 1 P. M.

the following described property, to wit:

[illegible]

Notice in Divorce.

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Notice in Divorce.

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If half of what the Democratic newspapers are saying about the great anti-Randall sentiment in Pennsylvania be true the Keystone State won't be inclined to put her son on the back bench longer. Far is the fall of a favorite son. What! Because he always tumbles from the height of his self esteem.—New York Recorder.

That's What It Means There

The Arkansas statesman who says that if Democracy means the shedding of a defaulting state treasurer the bar is not defaulting state treasurer shall begin to shout for the Republican party.—St. Louis Republican-Democrat.

A Perspicuous Device.

If Senator Hill chooses to make Governor Flower his political legatee he can do so without becoming any poorer himself in making Governor Flower any the richer. This is official.—Chicago Tribune.

Boies Is Getting Too Gay

It is about time Mr. Cleveland did the dull thing and set to Joe Horace Boies. He is wearing rather gay and getting numerous enough to be mentioned twice a day.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

But He Doesn't Own One.

This proposition to shift Hill's boom to Flower might be a good one if Hill owned a boom.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"What a Fall Was There," Etc.

A person answering to the name of David Bennett Hill is said to be in this country.—Chicago Mail.

—For a nice dish of oysters clams on the half shell or a nice lunch or meal of any kind go to Howard & Hixon the novelty restaurant, Smethport two doors below the Chautauqua House.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE FLAG

It Stimulates the Children's Interest and Promotes Patriotism

The organized school movement has been in progress during the greater part of four years. In that short time the seed sown in our earnest enough has ripened its fruit in each. After school unveiled its own after town unveiled after state.

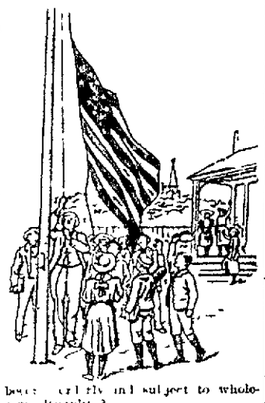
Though there are still many schools which are not supplied with the flag the time seems fast approaching when a public school shall be too poor to remain so. Millionaires may have the stars and stripes floating above its roof.

Sufficient time has passed since the movement began to make it possible to judge the results of the unfurling of the flag above so many schools.

Has the proceeding had a real meaning to the children? Has it started up in the breasts of boys and girls the hope of living to be brave men and good women?

Has it begun to serve with the children of the multitudes from abroad who inherit no love for our country as a symbol or an ideal which will grow upon them as thoroughly American flag.

Has it stimulated a love of the study of history and given children a new idea of the significance of law and order with freedom so that they themselves



become critically and subject to wholesome discipline?

The writer has received a large number of letters from teachers throughout the country over whose schools the flag has been raised which answered these very questions.

The flag has come to mean something writes one teacher in Minnesota where as before it was a meaningless piece of cloth. I can see writes another teacher from Missouri quite a change in the children's feelings toward the flag. Now they seem to think that it is their flag—an effect that never could have been produced by talking."

Many other teachers report a distinct growth of real patriotism. In a school in Maine alike at every flag raising one could hear the children cheering the old flag.

Even the little children recount the stars in the blue field of their flag and learn what they mean. The older pupils ransack the books of the history of the flag itself and in so doing are impressed with a new idea of its story and of its relation to their own condition and privileges.

In this way the school house flag seen so often and so constantly present in the pupil's thoughts has a marked influence on several teachers report upon foreign born children and the children of foreign born parents. One teacher from the west writes:

Eighty six per cent of my scholars were either born in other countries or are the children of foreign born parents. The effect of the flag upon my school has been to make every one of my pupils enthusiastic Americans if for any reason the flag is not raised for a day they clamor for its raising. No more enthusiastic or patriotic set of children can be found in the United States than those of my school.

These children begin to feel for America the same patriotic devotion which their fathers were taught from the cradle to manhood in song and in story, to feel toward the lands from which they came.

The flag increases the children's interest in the school and this must react upon conduct. Many teachers testify to this. One in Connecticut says, I notice it is easier to govern the children since the flag was raised. Another in Massachusetts says. It has been a grand step in our school toward making brave manly boys and womanly girls."

It has been proposed that the raising of the flag be one of the exercises in all the public school celebrations on Columbus Day. This arrangement will stimulate all the schools which have not yet raised the colors to obtain a flag before that date.

The executive committee of the national Columbian public school celebration have taken a good step in announcing that any school writing to their chairman in Boston will be given practical suggestions and material aid on how to procure a flag. Not one public school in America ought to allow itself to be without the stars and stripes on this memorable occasion.

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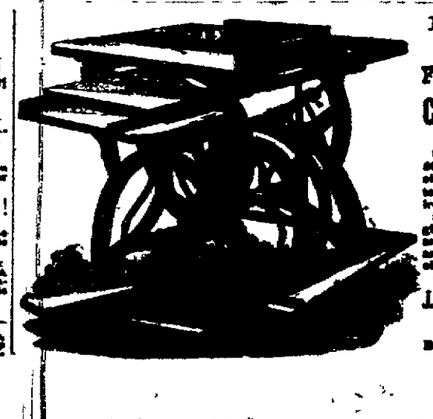

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